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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL NUCLEAR TEAM VISIT

REFS: A) STATE 151813; B) TAIPEI 4090

1. NOW THAT ROC AGREEMENT HAS CLEARED WAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRR FUEL RELOAD MEASUREMENT PROGRAM DURING JULY 7-21, WE WISH TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR JULY 24-30 VISIT OF U.S. TECHNICAL NUCLEAR TEAM. REF B HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US IN OUR EFFORTS TO DEFINE REALISTIC OBJECTIVES FOR THE VISIT.

2. DURING FIRST WEEK OF JULY, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MOFA

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VICE MINISTER CHIEN THAT U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM LEAD BY HELFRICH OF DOE PLANS TO VISIT TAIWAN JULY 24-30 TO REVIEW ROC NUCLEAR R AND D WORK AND TO DISCUSS CONVERSION OF TRR TO LEU FUEL. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT EMBASSY WILL BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL INCLUDE OFFICIAL CALLS ON MONDAY, VISIT TO CIST/INER ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, VISITS TO ORCHID ISLAND THURSDAY, PROBABLY RETURN VISIT TO CIST/

INER ON FRIDAY AND FINAL CALL AT MOFA ON SATURDAY. EMBASSY SHOULD CAREFULLY CONFIRM WITH CHIEN THAT U.S. TEAM WILL HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO ANY ROC NUCLEAR ACTIVITY IT WISHES TO VISIT AS HAS BEEN CASE IN THE PAST. YOU SHOULD

INFORM CHIEN THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY PUBLICITY ABOUT VISIT, BUT WILL WANT ROC'S COOPERATION TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NONE. FYI: PROPOSED KAOHSIUNG TRIP SHOULD NOT/NOT BE MENTIONED AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

3. THEREAFTER, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT ALONG LINES SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN STATE 151813. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY JULY 7 A DETAILED ITINERARY FOR VISIT. EMBASSY SHOULD PLAN ON TEAM'S RETURNING TO TAIPEI LATE EACH AFTERNOON FOR A REVIEW SESSION AT EMBASSY JUST BEFORE OR AFTER DINNER. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING TRIPS TO AND FROM LUNGTAN ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND PROBABLY FRIDAY BY HELICOPTER IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE TIME AVAILABLE AT CIST/INER. AS ON PREVIOUS 1977 VISIT, TEAM WISHES TO KEEP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD RESERVE SEVEN SINGLE ROOMS FOR TEAM AT GRAND HOTEL FOR EVENINGS OF SATURDAY JULY 22 THROUGH SATURDAY JULY 29. DEPT. WILL SEND NAME LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS AND TRAVEL SCHEDULE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.  
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5. BEGIN FYI: YOUR ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON VISIT(REF B) IN FACT CLOSELY PARALLEL OUR OWN THINKING, EVEN ON QUESTION OF VISIT TO 22ND FACTORY WHICH WE HAD ANTICIPATED MIGHT NOT PROVE POSSIBLE. WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE SENSITIVITIES OF INER/CIST PERSONNEL TO OUR ACTIVITIES AND HAVE TIMED VISIT AND TAILORED OUR APPROACH TO MINIMIZING THE DEGREE OF TENSION BETWEEN THE TEAM AND ITS HOSTS, RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS UNREALISTIC (AND PROBABLY EVEN UNDESIRABLE) TO EXPECT THAT THERE WILL NOT BE TENSION.

6. OUR APPROACHES TO HEAVY WATER, HIGH EXPLOSIVES AND LIS ISSUES ARE IN AGREEMENT. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DR. MOORE OF BERKELEY WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING HOW BEST TO UTILIZE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF LASER WORK AT CIST/INER. WE RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTIES IN VISITING SUSPECTED LIS LABORATORIES OUTSIDE CIST/INER BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO ACCOMPLISHING OUR PURPOSES. WE EXPECT THAT WHAT WE SEE (AND DO NOT SEE) AT CIST/INER WILL PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EXPLAINING TO GROC OUR CONCERNS ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR LASER R AND D WORK.

7. WE HAVE ANTICIPATED THE DIFFICULTIES YOU DESCRIBE FOR OUR OBTAINING ACCESS TO 22ND FACTORY OF 203RD ARSENAL. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEVISE A MEANS FOR US TO REQUEST ACCESS TO THIS ARSENAL SO THAT WE (AND OUR ROC HOSTS) MAY OBSERVE THE SUSPECTED

MILITARY WORK ON URANIUM EXTRACTION PROJECT. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD STILL WISH TO ASK PROBING QUESTIONS ABOUT PROJECT AT INER AND TO MAKE UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO CHINA PHOSPHATE INDUSTRIES PLANT IN KAOHSIUNG. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD LEAVE ENOUGH UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR HOSTS TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR RAISING OUR CONCERNS WITH THE GROC AT THE END OF THE VISIT.

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8. AT THIS TIME, EMBASSY SHOULD DEVISE A MEANS FOR ENSURING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM KAOHSIUNG ON THURSDAY FOR FOUR MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WHO WILL MAKE THE UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO THE URANIUM EXTRACTION PLANT SITE. WE LEAVE MEANS TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION BUT SUGGEST THREE POSSIBILITIES: 1) MAKING COMMERCIAL RESERVATIONS FOR WHOLE TEAM FOR ORCHID ISLAND ON A FLIGHT WHICH STOPS IN KAOHSIUNG TO AND FROM ORCHID ISLAND; 2) MAKING COMMERCIAL RESERVATIONS FOR FOUR TEAM MEMBERS TO FLY TO KAOHSIUNG FOR DECLARED PURPOSE OF VISITING TAIPOWER'S MAANSHAN NUCLEAR POWER STATION SITE (INDICATING THAT ONLY 1/2 TEAM WILL GO TO ORCHID ISLAND) OR 3) USING U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

9. THE TEAM WILL BE MEETING IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 10 FOR A PRE-TRIP PLANNING SESSION. END FYI. VANCE

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